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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT; LASER PHYSICS  
DELEGATION (01.08) HOSPITALIZATION OF US SCIENTIST

1. ON AUGUST 27, 1978, RICHARD MORSE, HEAD OF A US DELEGATION TO US-USSR JOINT LASER-PHYSICS WORKSHOP WAS ADMITTED INTO MOSCOW'S BOTKIN HOSPITAL.
2. MORSE IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN RESEARCH/TEACHING AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AT LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY. MORSE POSSESSES AN ACTIVE Q CLEARANCE.
3. DURING HIS STAY AT THE HOSPITAL FELLOW MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION AND VOLUNTEER EMBASSY OFFICERS REMAINED WITH MORSE ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR BASIS. MORSE WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL AUGUST 30. HE IS PRESENTLY IN EMBASSY CHANCERY APARTMENT. DEPENDING

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ON MORSE'S MEDICAL CONDITION BY SEPTEMBER 1, EMBASSY DOCTOR MAY PERMIT MORSE TO REJOIN US DELEGATION FOR WORKSHOP, WHICH IS BEING HELD IN ZVENIGOROF (EMBASSY DOCTOR WILL, IN ANY CASE, RECOMMEND THAT MORSE NOT PARTICIPATE IN POST WORKSHOP TOURS TO OTHER SOVIET CITIES). IF MORSE'S MEDICAL CONDITION DOES NOT IMPROVE BY SEPTEMBER 1, EMBASSY DOCTOR WILL RECOMMEND THAT

HE RETURN HOME. EMBASSY IS TENTATIVELY MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR MORSE TO RETURN TO US (ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY DOCTOR WHO IS RETURNING TO US BECAUSE OF FAMILY EMERGENCY) ON SEPTEMBER 1 ALONG FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

MOSCOW - LONDON SU 243 (ARRIVE LONDON 1015)

LONDON - CHICAGO TWA 771 (ARRIVING CHICAGO 1500)

CHICAGO - TUCSON AA 527 (ARRIVE TUCSON 1850)

4. AT PRESENT (1700 LOCAL TIME) MORSE IS FEELING BETTER AND HAS INDICATED PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ZVENIGOROD MEETINGS (APPROXIMATELY 40 MILES FROM MOSCOW). EMBASSY WILL ADVISE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

5. ON AUGUST 31 NYT REP SPECULATED TO EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER THAT MORSE MIGHT BE "MICROWAVE SPECIALIST" WHO HAD ARRIVED TO STUDY THE EMBASSY MICROWAVE SITUATION AND BEEN TAKEN ILL BECAUSE OF OVEREXPOSURE TO MICROWAVES. CHICAGO TRIBUNE REP ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN HOLD OF A SIMILAR STORY. EMBASSY PLANS TO RESPOND BY OUTLINING PURPOSE OF MORSE'S TRIP, NOTING THAT HE HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED ON AUGUST 27 AND RELEASED ON AUGUST 30 AND IS NOW IN THE EMBASSY PENDING CLARIFICATION OF HIS MEDICAL CONDITION. GARRISON  
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